

The Institute of Primary Health Care of the University of Bern (BIHAM) is dedicated to train and foster the next generation of primary care physicians and to carry out research in primary health care, epidemiology, and public health. The BIHAM offers a lively, interdisciplinary environment with excellent methodological support and access to a large network of practicing primary care physicians.



We are looking for a

Phd Studentship in Epidemiology (100%)

to join the research team of the Institute of Primary Health Care of the University of Bern (BIHAM). You will work on various projects aimed at improving the care in primary care practices. The main project is a clinical trial to optimize pharmacotherapy in older patients with multiple co-morbid conditions and polypharmacy in primary care. The trial involves a range of research methods used in clinical epidemiology, medical decision making, risk communication, and implementation and dissemination sciences.

Duties and responsibilities

- Analyze data on the delivery of health care by primary care practices
- Prepare a clinical trial in a primary care setting
- Recruit primary care physicians
- Synthesize and analyses quantitative and qualitative data
- Write for publication in peer-reviewed journals and presentation at conferences

Qualifications and skills

- Masters level qualification in a relevant subject (e.g. medicine, life science, epidemiology)
- Experience with analyzing different types of data
- Excellent team skills and ability to conduct research with primary care physicians
- Knowledge of the Swiss Health Care system especially in the primary care sector
- Excellent communication skills in speaking and writing in English
- Applications from candidates fluent in German and French will be prioritized

The post is available from August 1st, 2017, with negotiable starting date, and offered for three years. The PhD stipend is according to the scale of the Swiss National Science Foundation (current scale: www.snf.ch/SiteCollectionDocuments/allg_doktorierende_e.pdf).

The BIHAM at the University of Bern offers an international and interdisciplinary environment, closely related to the Institute of Social and Preventive Medicine (ISPM; www.ispm.unibe.ch) and Clinical Trial Unit (www.ctu.unibe.ch), and free access to the courses proposed by the Swiss School of Public Health+ (SSPH+; www.sspplus.ch).

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